

## SENATE BILL No. 153

### DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 4-30-17-3.5; IC 22-12-1; IC 22-14-5; IC 36-8; P.L.340-1995, SECTION 37.

**Synopsis:** Firefighting equipment and grants. Changes the firefighting and emergency equipment revolving loan fund (loan fund) into a grant fund administered by the office of the state fire marshal. Repeals the fire safety equipment revolving loan account (loan account) in the build Indiana fund. Releases the obligation of a loan recipient under the loan fund or the loan account to pay the remaining balance due on the loan. Transfers funds remaining in the loan fund to the grant fund. Transfers \$500,000 per month to the grant fund from the build Indiana fund. Provides that a fire protection territory may establish a cumulative building and equipment fund.

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## SENATE BILL No. 153

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning state and local administration.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1       SECTION 1. IC 4-30-17-3.5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.186-2002,  
2       SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
3       JULY 1, 2004]: Sec. 3.5. (a) Before the twenty-fifth day of the month,  
4       the auditor of state shall transfer from the build Indiana fund to the  
5       state general fund motor vehicle excise tax replacement account  
6       nineteen million six hundred eighty-four thousand three hundred  
7       seventy dollars (\$19,684,370) per month.

8       (b) **Every month, after making the transfer required under**  
9       **subsection (a) and before the twenty-fifth day of the month, the**  
10      **auditor of state shall transfer five hundred thousand dollars**  
11      **(\$500,000) from the build Indiana fund to the firefighting and**  
12      **emergency equipment grant fund established by IC 22-14-5-1.**

13      (c) This subsection applies only if insufficient money is available in  
14      the build Indiana fund to make the distributions to the state general  
15      fund motor vehicle excise tax replacement account **and the**  
16      **firefighting and emergency equipment grant fund** that are required  
17      under ~~subsection~~ **subsections (a) and (b).** Before the twenty-fifth day

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of each month, the auditor of state shall transfer from the state general fund to the state general fund motor vehicle excise tax replacement account **and the firefighting and emergency equipment grant fund** the difference between:

- (1) the ~~amount~~ **amounts** that ~~subsection~~ **subsections (a) and (b) requires require** the auditor of state to distribute from the build Indiana fund to the state general fund motor vehicle excise tax replacement account **and the firefighting and emergency equipment grant fund**; and
- (2) the amount that is available for distribution from the build Indiana fund to the state general fund motor vehicle excise tax replacement account **and the firefighting and emergency equipment grant fund**.

The transfers required under this subsection are annually appropriated from the state general fund.

SECTION 2. IC 22-12-1-13.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2004]: **Sec. 13.5. "Fund" refers to the firefighting and emergency equipment grant fund established by IC 22-14-5-1.**

SECTION 3. IC 22-12-1-18.7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.1-1999, SECTION 55, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2004]: Sec. 18.7. "Qualified entity" means:

- (1) a volunteer fire department (as defined in IC 36-8-12-2);
- (2) ~~the executive of a township providing fire protection under IC 36-8-13-3(a)(1); or~~
- (3) ~~a municipality providing fire protection to a township under IC 36-8-13-3(a)(2) or IC 36-8-13-3(a)(3).~~
- (2) **a paid fire department; or**
- (3) **a political subdivision (as defined in IC 36-1-2-13).**

SECTION 4. IC 22-14-5-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2004]: Sec. 1. (a) The firefighting and emergency equipment ~~revolving loan~~ **grant** fund is established. The office shall administer the ~~revolving~~ fund. The ~~revolving~~ fund must be used for the purposes of:

- (1) providing ~~loans~~ **grants** for the purchase of new or used firefighting and other emergency equipment or apparatus under this chapter; and
  - (2) paying the costs of administering this chapter.
- (b) The ~~revolving~~ fund consists of:
- (1) amounts appropriated by the general assembly;
  - (2) ~~the repayment proceeds (including interest) of loans made~~

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1 from the revolving fund;

2 ~~(3)~~ (2) donations, grants, and money received from any other  
3 source; and

4 ~~(4)~~ (3) amounts that the department transfers to the revolving fund  
5 from the fire and building services fund; and

6 (4) money transferred from the build Indiana fund under  
7 IC 4-30-17-3.5.

8 (c) The treasurer of state shall invest the money in the revolving  
9 fund not currently needed to meet the obligations of the revolving fund  
10 in the same manner as other public funds may be invested.

11 (d) Money in the revolving fund at the end of the fiscal year does  
12 not revert to the state general fund.

13 (e) The revolving fund is subject to an annual audit by the state  
14 board of accounts. The revolving fund shall pay all costs of the audit.

15 SECTION 5. IC 22-14-5-2 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
16 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2004]: Sec. 2. The commission  
17 shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to do the following:

18 (1) Establish the policies and procedures to be used by the  
19 department in the administration of the revolving fund.

20 (2) Specify the information that must be submitted with a loan  
21 grant application.

22 (3) Adopt other rules under IC 4-22-2 that are needed to carry out  
23 this chapter.

24 (4) Establish a loan grant priority rating system.

25 (5) Prescribe the forms to be used by the office in administering  
26 the revolving fund.

27 (6) Prescribe the persons authorized to execute loan grant  
28 documents on behalf of a qualified entity.

29 SECTION 6. IC 22-14-5-3 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
30 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2004]: Sec. 3. The commission may  
31 not require a qualified entity to provide money from other sources to  
32 match the amount of a loan grant under this chapter.

33 SECTION 7. IC 22-14-5-6 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
34 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2004]: Sec. 6. (a) The office shall  
35 do the following:

36 (1) Review and approve or disapprove applications for loans  
37 grants from the revolving fund.

38 (2) Establish the terms of loans grants from the revolving fund.

39 (3) Manage Administer the loans grants.

40 (b) The office shall review applications for loans grants from the  
41 revolving fund on December 1 and June 1.

42 (c) A properly completed application for a loan grant from the

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1 revolving fund must be received by the office not later than:

2 (1) November 16 for the application to be eligible for review on  
3 a December 1 review date; or

4 (2) May 17 for the application to be eligible for review on a June  
5 1 review date.

6 (d) If the office receives a ~~loan~~ **grant** application after a deadline for  
7 receiving ~~loan~~ **grant** applications set forth in subsection (c), the office  
8 shall:

9 (1) retain the ~~loan~~ **grant** application; and

10 (2) review the application on the next review date.

11 SECTION 8. IC 22-14-5-7 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
12 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2004]: Sec. 7. The office may enter  
13 into contracts that are necessary for the administration of this chapter.  
14 ~~including contracts for the servicing of loans.~~

15 SECTION 9. IC 22-14-5-8 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
16 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2004]: Sec. 8. (a) The office shall  
17 assign a ~~loan~~ **grant** priority rating to each ~~loan~~ **grant** application under  
18 this chapter.

19 (b) The ~~loan~~ **grant** priority rating must be assigned in conformity  
20 with criteria adopted by the commission. The rating that is assigned  
21 must reflect the relative need of the qualified entity for the ~~loan~~ **grant**.

22 (c) The office shall make ~~loans~~ **grants** available to qualified entities  
23 in descending order beginning with the qualified entity with the highest  
24 ~~loan~~ **grant** priority rating.

25 SECTION 10. IC 22-14-5-9 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
26 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2004]: Sec. 9. A ~~loan~~ **grant** under  
27 this chapter is subject to the following conditions:

28 (1) The qualified entity may use the ~~loan~~ **grant** only for the  
29 purchase of new or used firefighting and other emergency  
30 equipment or apparatus and legal and other incidental expenses  
31 that are directly related to acquiring the equipment or apparatus.

32 ~~(2) The repayment period may not exceed seven (7) years.~~

33 ~~(3) (2)~~ The amount of the ~~loan~~ **grant** may not be less than ten  
34 thousand dollars (\$10,000).

35 ~~(4)~~ The interest rate is to be set by the board of finance at a rate  
36 that is not more than two percent (2%) below the prime bank  
37 lending rate prevailing at the time the loan is approved.

38 ~~(5)~~ All interest reverts to the revolving fund created by this  
39 chapter.

40 ~~(6)~~ The loan must be repaid in installments, including interest on  
41 the unpaid balance of the loan.

42 ~~(7)~~ The repayment of principal may be deferred for a period not

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to exceed two (2) years.

(8) The repayment of the loan may be limited to a specified revenue source of the qualified entity. If the repayment is limited, the repayment:

(A) is not a general obligation of the qualified entity; and

(B) is payable solely from the specified revenue source.

(9) If prepayment of the loan is made, a penalty may not be charged.

(10) The office shall have a security interest in the purchased firefighting or other emergency equipment or apparatus for the balance of the loan, accrued interest, penalties, and collection expenses.

**(3) The total amount of grants a qualified entity may receive within a four (4) year period may not exceed two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000).**

~~(11)~~ (4) Any other conditions that the office considers appropriate.

SECTION 11. IC 36-8-12-13, AS AMENDED BY P.L.1-1999, SECTION 98, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2004]: Sec. 13. (a) A volunteer fire department may impose a charge on the owner of property, owner of a vehicle, or a responsible party (as defined in IC 13-11-2-191(d)) that is involved in a hazardous material or fuel spill or chemical or hazardous material related fire (as defined in IC 13-11-2-96(b)):

(1) that is responded to by the volunteer fire department; and

(2) that members of that volunteer fire department assisted in extinguishing, containing, or cleaning up.

(b) The volunteer fire department shall bill the owner or responsible party of the vehicle for the total dollar value of the assistance that was provided, with that value determined by a method that the state fire marshal shall establish under ~~IC 36-8-12-16~~. **section 16 of this chapter.** A copy of the fire incident report to the state fire marshal must accompany the bill. This billing must take place within thirty (30) days after the assistance was provided. The owner or responsible party shall remit payment directly to the governmental unit providing the service. Any money that is collected under this section may be:

(1) deposited in the township firefighting fund established in IC 36-8-13-4;

~~(2) used to pay principal and interest on a loan under IC 22-14-5;~~  
or

~~(3)~~ (2) used for the purchase of equipment, buildings, and property for firefighting, fire protection, and other emergency

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1 services.

2 (c) The volunteer fire department may maintain a civil action to  
3 recover an unpaid charge that is imposed under subsection (a).

4 SECTION 12. IC 36-8-12-16, AS AMENDED BY P.L.240-2001,  
5 SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
6 JULY 1, 2004]: Sec. 16. (a) A volunteer fire department that provides  
7 service within a jurisdiction served by the department may establish a  
8 schedule of charges for the services that the department provides not  
9 to exceed the state fire marshal's recommended schedule for services.  
10 The volunteer fire department or its agent may collect a service charge  
11 according to this schedule from the owner of property that receives  
12 service if the following conditions are met:

13 (1) At the following times, the department gives notice under  
14 IC 5-3-1-4(d) in each political subdivision served by the  
15 department of the amount of the service charge for each service  
16 that the department provides:

17 (A) Before the schedule of service charges is initiated.  
18 (B) When there is a change in the amount of a service charge.  
19 (2) The property owner has not sent written notice to the  
20 department to refuse service by the department to the owner's  
21 property.

22 (3) The bill for payment of the service charge:  
23 (A) is submitted to the property owner in writing within thirty  
24 (30) days after the services are provided; and  
25 (B) includes a copy of a fire incident report in the form  
26 prescribed by the state fire marshal, if the service was  
27 provided for an event that requires a fire incident report.

28 (b) A volunteer fire department shall use the revenue collected from  
29 the fire service charges under this section for:

30 (1) the purchase of equipment, buildings, and property for  
31 firefighting, fire protection, or other emergency services; **or**

32 (2) deposit in the township firefighting fund established under  
33 IC 36-8-13-4. **or**

34 ~~(3) to pay principal and interest on a loan under IC 22-14-5.~~

35 (c) If at least twenty-five percent (25%) of the money received by a  
36 volunteer fire department for providing fire protection or emergency  
37 services is received under one (1) or more contracts with one (1) or  
38 more political subdivisions (as defined in IC 34-6-2-110), the  
39 legislative body of a contracting political subdivision must approve the  
40 schedule of service charges established under subsection (a) before the  
41 schedule of service charges is initiated in that political subdivision.

42 (d) A volunteer fire department that:

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(1) has contracted with a political subdivision to provide fire protection or emergency services; and

(2) charges for services under this section;

must submit a report to the legislative body of the political subdivision before April 1 of each year indicating the amount of service charges collected during the previous calendar year and how those funds have been expended.

(e) The state fire marshal shall annually prepare and publish a recommended schedule of service charges for fire protection services.

(f) The volunteer fire department or its agent may maintain a civil action to recover an unpaid service charge under this section.

SECTION 13. IC 36-8-14-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.140-2002, SECTION 2, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2004]: Sec. 2. (a) As used in this section, "emergency medical services" has the meaning set forth in IC 16-18-2-110.

(b) As used in this section, "volunteer fire department" has the meaning set forth in IC 36-8-12-2.

(c) The legislative body of a unit, ~~or~~ the board of fire trustees of a fire protection district, **or the legislative body of the designated provider unit of a fire protection territory** may provide a cumulative building and equipment fund under IC 6-1.1-41 for the following purposes:

(1) The:

(A) purchase, construction, renovation, or addition to buildings; or

(B) purchase of land;

used by the fire department or a volunteer fire department serving the unit.

(2) The purchase of firefighting equipment for use of the fire department or a volunteer fire department serving the unit, including making the required payments under a lease rental with option to purchase agreement made to acquire the equipment.

(3) In a municipality, the purchase of police radio equipment.

(4) The:

(A) purchase, construction, renovation, or addition to a building;

(B) purchase of land; or

(C) purchase of equipment;

for use of a provider of emergency medical services under IC 16-31-5 to the unit establishing the fund.

(d) In addition to the requirements of IC 6-1.1-41, before a cumulative fund may be established by a township fire protection

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district, the county legislative body which appoints the trustees of the fire protection district must approve the establishment of the fund.

**(e) In addition to the requirements of IC 6-1.1-41, before a cumulative fund may be established by the designated provider unit of a fire protection territory, the legislative body of all other units participating in the fire protection territory must approve the establishment of the fund.**

SECTION 14. IC 36-8-14-4 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2004]: Sec. 4. (a) To provide for the cumulative building and equipment fund established under this chapter, the legislative body may levy a tax on all taxable property within the taxing district in compliance with IC 6-1.1-41. The tax rate may not exceed three and thirty-three hundredths cents (\$0.0333) on each one hundred dollars (\$100) of assessed valuation of property in the taxing district.

(b) As the tax is collected, it shall be deposited in a qualified public depository or depositories and held in a special fund to be known as the "building or remodeling, firefighting, and police radio equipment fund" in the case of a municipality or as the "building or remodeling and fire equipment fund" in the case of a township, ~~or~~ fire protection district, **or fire protection territory.**

SECTION 15. IC 36-8-19-8, AS AMENDED BY P.L.240-2001, SECTION 5, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2004]: Sec. 8. (a) Upon the adoption of identical ordinances under section 6 of this chapter, the designated provider unit must establish a fire protection territory fund from which all expenses of operating and maintaining the fire protection services within the territory **(other than the expenses paid from a cumulative building and equipment fund established by the fire protection territory)**, including repairs, fees, salaries, depreciation on all depreciable assets, rents, supplies, contingencies, and all other expenses lawfully incurred within the territory shall be paid. The purposes described in this subsection are the sole purposes of the fund, and money in the fund may not be used for any other expenses. Except as allowed in subsections (d) and (e) and section 8.5 of this chapter, the provider unit is not authorized to transfer money out of the fund at any time.

(b) The fund consists of the following:

- (1) All receipts from the tax imposed under this section.
- (2) Any money transferred to the fund by the provider unit as authorized under subsection (d).
- (3) Any receipts from a false alarm fee or service charge imposed by the participating units under IC 36-8-13-4.

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(c) The provider unit, with the assistance of each of the other participating units, shall annually budget the necessary money to meet the expenses of operation and maintenance of the fire protection services within the territory, plus a reasonable operating balance, not to exceed twenty percent (20%) of the budgeted expenses. After estimating expenses and receipts of money, the provider unit shall establish the tax levy required to fund the estimated budget. The amount budgeted under this subsection shall be considered a part of each of the participating unit's budget.

(d) If the amount levied in a particular year is insufficient to cover the costs incurred in providing fire protection services within the territory, the provider unit may transfer from available sources to the fire protection territory fund the money needed to cover those costs. In this case:

(1) the levy in the following year shall be increased by the amount required to be transferred; and

(2) the provider unit is entitled to transfer the amount described in subdivision (1) from the fund as reimbursement to the provider unit.

(e) If the amount levied in a particular year exceeds the amount necessary to cover the costs incurred in providing fire protection services within the territory, the levy in the following year shall be reduced by the amount of surplus money that is not transferred to the equipment replacement fund established under section 8.5 of this chapter. The amount that may be transferred to the equipment replacement fund may not exceed five percent (5%) of the levy for that fund for that year. All participating units must agree to the amount to be transferred by adoption of identical ordinances specifying the amount.

(f) The tax under this section is not subject to the tax levy limitations imposed on civil taxing units under IC 6-1.1-18.5 for any unit that is a participating unit in a fire protection territory that was established before August 1, 2001.

(g) This subsection applies to a participating unit in a fire protection territory established under ~~IC 36-8-19~~ **this chapter** after July 31, 2001. For purposes of calculating a participating unit's maximum permissible ad valorem property tax levy for the three (3) calendar years in which the participating unit levies a tax to support the territory, the unit's maximum permissible ad valorem property tax levy for the preceding calendar year under IC 6-1.1-18.5-3(a) STEP ONE or IC 6-1.1-18.5-3(b) STEP ONE is increased each year by an amount equal to the difference between the:

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(1) amount the unit will have to levy for the ensuing calendar year in order to fund the unit's share of the fire protection territory budget for the operating costs as provided in the ordinance making the unit a participating unit in the fire protection territory; and

(2) unit's levy for fire protection services for the calendar year that immediately precedes the ensuing calendar year in which the participating unit levies a tax to support the territory.

SECTION 16. IC 36-8-19-8.5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.256-2003, SECTION 39, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2004]: Sec. 8.5. (a) **Except for participating units that have established a cumulative building and equipment fund under IC 36-8-14-2**, participating units may agree to establish an equipment replacement fund under this section to be used to purchase fire protection equipment, including housing, that will be used to serve the entire territory. To establish the fund, the legislative bodies of all participating units must adopt identical ordinances after January 1 but before April 1 authorizing the provider unit to establish the fund. The ordinance must include at least the following:

(1) The name of each participating unit and the provider unit.

(2) An agreement to impose a uniform tax rate upon all of the taxable property within the territory for the equipment replacement fund.

(3) The contents of the agreement to establish the fund.

An ordinance adopted under this section takes effect July 1 of the year the ordinance is adopted.

(b) If a fund is established, the participating units may agree to:

(1) impose a property tax to provide for the accumulation of money in the fund to purchase fire protection equipment;

(2) incur debt to purchase fire protection equipment and impose a property tax to retire the loan; or

(3) transfer an amount from the fire protection territory fund to the fire equipment replacement fund not to exceed five percent (5%) of the levy for the fire protection territory fund for that year;

or any combination of these options. The property tax rate for the levy imposed under this section may not exceed three and thirty-three hundredths cents (\$0.0333) per one hundred dollars (\$100) of assessed value. Before debt may be incurred, the fiscal bodies of all participating units must adopt identical ordinances specifying the amount and purpose of the debt. In addition, the department of local government finance must approve the incurrence of the debt using the same standards as applied to the incurrence of debt by civil taxing units.

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(c) Money in the fund may be used by the provider unit only for those purposes set forth in the agreement among the participating units that permits the establishment of the fund.

SECTION 17. THE FOLLOWING ARE REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2004]: IC 22-12-1-23.3; IC 22-14-5-5; IC 22-14-5-10; IC 22-14-5-11; IC 22-14-5-12; IC 22-14-5-13.

SECTION 18. P.L.340-1995, SECTION 37 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2004]: SECTION 37. The following amounts are appropriated from the build Indiana fund under SECTION 31 of this act for the following purposes:

	Year
	1995-1997
FOR THE BUDGET AGENCY	
FIRE SAFETY EQUIPMENT	
REVOLVING LOAN FUND	
Total Operating	
Expenses for	
the Biennium	3,000,000

Notwithstanding any other law, the budget agency shall establish a fire safety equipment revolving loan account in the build Indiana fund; together with a fire safety equipment revolving loan program. Money in this account shall be used to make or provide for the making of no interest loans to Indiana communities and fire safety service providers for the purchase and lease of fire safety equipment; especially fire engines and necessary or useful equipment related to fire engines and fire safety.

In establishing this account and program, the budget agency shall work with other agencies of state and federal government to take maximum advantage of the foregoing appropriation. To this end, money in this account may be used to match federal grants and loans. No loan to a community or provider shall be made in a principal amount in excess of seventy-five percent (75%) of the purchase price of the fire engine or other equipment for which the loan is made. No community or provider shall be obligated to repay more than fifty percent (50%) of the principal amount of the loan made to the community or provider. No loan may be made from this account for a term exceeding five (5) years from the date the loan is made. Before a community or provider borrows money from this account, it must provide evidence satisfactory to the budget agency to justify the community's or provider's need for the loan; its inability to receive cost-effective financing elsewhere; and its ability to repay the loan within the term of the loan.

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The budget agency may not expend money from this account until this program has been reviewed by the state budget committee and approved by the governor. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary: (i) the cost of administering this account may be paid from money in the account; (ii) money in this account is appropriated continuously for the purposes specified in this act; (iii) money in this account does not revert to the build Indiana fund or the general fund at the end of a state fiscal year; and (iv) the treasurer of state shall invest money in this account not needed currently to meet the obligations of the account. On or before December 1, 1995, the budget agency shall submit to the budget committee draft legislation that would more permanently govern this account and program.

If insufficient money is in the fund to provide loans to all applicants, the budget agency shall give first priority to the following projects, which are not listed in any order of priority:

- (1) Replacement of Firefighting Gear and Telecommunications needs; Greene County.
- (2) Southwest Volunteer Fire Department Fire Truck; Bartholomew County.
- (3) Town of Mentone Emergency Medical Equipment; Kosciusko County.
- (4) Firetruck with Aerial Firefighting Platform; Jackson County.
- (5) Fire Equipment for Town of Vevay; Switzerland County.
- (6) Fire Equipment for Town of Little York; Washington County.
- (7) City of North Vernon Firetruck with Aerial Platform; Jennings County.
- (8) Fire Truck Henry Township Volunteer Fire Department; Fulton County.
- (9) LaOtto Volunteer Fire Department; Noble County.
- (10) Swayzee Volunteer Fire Department; Grant County.
- (11) Orange Twp Fire Department 1st Respond Vehicle; Rome City; Noble County.
- (12) Town of Dayton; Tippecanoe County.
- (13) Town of Milan; Ripley County.
- (14) St. Paul Fire Truck; Decatur County.
- (15) Clay Township Firetruck; Vigo County.
- (16) Aboite Township Emergency Equipment; Allen County.
- (17) Washington Township Emergency Equipment; Allen County.
- (18) Lake Township Emergency Equipment; Allen County.

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The foregoing appropriations shall be administered by the budget agency to take maximum advantage of other state and federal wastewater and drinking water financing programs, including the state wastewater revolving loan (SRF) fund program. In making the foregoing appropriations, it is the intent of the general assembly to effectively reduce the costs, including financing costs, of wastewater and drinking water projects and, as a result, reduce rates and charges payable by Indiana ratepayers and taxpayers. It is the further intent of the general assembly that the foregoing appropriation for community wastewater and drinking water grants be targeted to serve small Indiana communities whose median household incomes are not more than eighty percent (80%) of the state nonmetropolitan household income.

- (1) Middlebury Water Main.
- (2) Water/Sewer Extension, Huntington County.

- (3) Lake of the Woods Sewer Project, Marshall County.
- (4) U.S. 30 Corridor Water Line, Whitley County.
- (5) Extension of Sanitary Sewer, Water and Electric Utilities, Town of Ferdinand.
- (6) Construction of Water Storage Tank, Town of Hagerstown, Wayne County.
- (7) Water System Improvement Project, Town of Dublin, Wayne County.
- (8) Town of Poneto Municipal Sewage Project, Wells County.
- (9) Town of Bristol Storm Sewer Project.
- (10) Orchard Lane Sewer Project, White County.
- (11) City of Hobart Sanitary Sewer Tie-in Project, Lake County.
- (12) Independence Hill Conservancy District, Lake County.
- (13) Town of Griffith Sewer Repair/Replacement Lake County.
- (14) Western Rush County Water and Sewer Project, Rush County.
- (15) U.S. 42 Sanitary Sewer Extension, Town of Shelburn.
- (16) Montpelier Sewage Project, Blackford County.
- (17) Hartford City Sewage Project, Blackford County.
- (18) Island Rehab. Project, Kosciusko County.

SECTION 19. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2004] **(a) The obligation of a community or provider to pay the remaining balance due on the principal plus interest of a loan under the fire safety revolving loan account is released July 1, 2004.**

**(b) The amount of the remaining balance due on the principal plus interest of a loan described in subsection (a) on July 1, 2004, shall be deducted from the total grant amount allowed the community or provider that is a qualified entity under IC 22-12-1-18.7, as amended by this act, within a four (4) year period beginning July 1, 2004, under IC 22-14-5-9(3), as amended by this act.**

**(c) This SECTION expires July 1, 2008.**

SECTION 20. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2004] **(a) The obligation of a qualified entity to pay the remaining balance due on the principal plus interest of a loan under the firefighting and emergency equipment revolving loan fund established by IC 22-14-5-1, before its amendment by this act, is released July 1, 2004.**

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(b) The amount of the remaining balance due on the principal plus interest of a loan described in subsection (a) on July 1, 2004, shall be deducted from the total grant amount allowed the qualified entity within a four (4) year period beginning July 1, 2004, under IC 22-14-5-9(3), as amended by this act.

(c) This SECTION expires July 1, 2008.

SECTION 21. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2004] (a) Funds remaining in the firefighting and emergency equipment revolving loan fund established by IC 22-14-5-1, before its amendment by this act, shall on July 1, 2004, be transferred to the firefighting and emergency equipment grant fund established by IC 22-14-5-1, as amended by this act.

(b) This SECTION expires July 1, 2005.

SECTION 22. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2004] (a) As used in this SECTION, "grant fund" refers to the firefighting and emergency equipment grant fund established by IC 22-14-5-1, as amended by this act.

(b) As used in this SECTION, "office" refers to the office of the state fire marshal established by IC 22-14-2-1.

(c) As used in this SECTION, "revolving loan fund" refers to the firefighting and emergency equipment revolving loan fund established by IC 22-14-5-1 before its amendment by this act.

(d) The office shall follow the rules and criteria for making loans from the revolving loan fund adopted by the office under IC 22-14-5 before its amendment by this act in making grants from the grant fund to the extent the rules and criteria are applicable to the making of grants from the fund and comply with the requirements of this act.

(e) Before July 1, 2005, the office shall adopt rules and criteria for making grants from the grant fund.

(f) This SECTION expires January 1, 2006.

SECTION 23. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2004] (a) A loan application submitted by a community or provider to the budget agency before July 1, 2004, for a loan from the fire safety equipment revolving loan account that was not approved or denied by the budget agency shall be forwarded to the office of the state fire marshal and is considered a grant application for the firefighting and emergency equipment grant fund established by IC 22-14-5-1, as amended by this act.

(b) A loan application submitted by a qualified entity to the office of the state fire marshal before July 1, 2004, for a loan from the firefighting and emergency equipment revolving loan account

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